

## REMARKS

### Present Status of Patent Application

This application is under APPEAL. Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

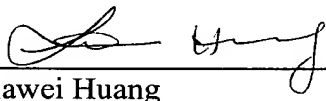
Claims 6-11 are now pending in this application, of which claim 6 has been amended to more clearly define the present invention so as to overcome the indefiniteness rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. More specifically, Claim 6 has been amended to clarify the definition of N by defining "N = the number of slit arrays or number of the fin units".

It is noticed that in the English specification, "N" has been described as "N = the number of slit arrays / number of the fin units". The English specification is a translation of the Japan parent application No. 2000-053617. According to Japanese expression, in a sentence such as "N = the number of slit arrays / number of the fin units", the slash ( / ) may have the meaning of "or". Therefore, Applicant replaced "/" with --or-- in this amendment so as to more clearly define the invention.

Further, in the specification, the term "coil" has been changed to --tube--, and the term "coils" to --tubes--. It is believed that no new matter adds by way of amendments to the claims and the specification. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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